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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Planning Board

**Date:** July 22, 2005  
*revised 8/17/05*

**From:** Kristin K. Alexander, AICP, Assistant Planner *KKA*

**Subject:** Joint Hearing with the Tree Warden - Public Shade Tree Removal  
*(in connection with the Ellsworth Village Development)*

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Because of the Town's Scenic Road Bylaw (Town Bylaw Chapter J, attached), under MA General Laws Chapter 40, Section 15C (attached), the Planning Board and Tree Warden (Dean Charter) must hold a joint public hearing on the removal of shade trees within the public right-of-way.

The 8/23/05 public hearing relates to the removal of public shade trees along Pope Road that were discussed during the hearing on the Ellsworth Village Senior Residence project (approved with conditions by the Planning Board on 4/26/05). The attached letter and map from George Dimakarakos of Stamski and McNary, Inc., and the legal notice, provide more information on the hearing. I've also attached a copy of the Ellsworth Village decision, comments from the Ellsworth Village public hearing process, and the Ellsworth Village Senior Residence application material, which led to the proposal to remove the public shade trees (look for the sections of these documents I've highlighted with a star "\*\*").

The following trees on Pope Road near Brabrook Road are proposed for removal:

- 36" diameter Oak
- 30" diameter Oak
- 12" diameter Hickory<sup>1</sup>
- 20" diameter Oak
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<sup>1</sup> trees not mentioned in the Stamski and McNary letter but added to the removal list by the Tree Warden after a site visit with Stamski and McNary.

If the Planning Board has no objections to the removal of these trees, staff will forward a document on behalf of the Board (similar to this memo - see attached sample Decision 03-02) to the Town Clerk's office.